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## EDITOR'S NOTES

From 1847 to 1937 Newport's connection to both New York and Boston was through the railroad and the daily trips of the Fall River Line. A trip on the Fall River Line boats was both practical and pleasurable. In the days of the Fall River Line in Newport the shops of the New England Steamship Company, which came to the city in 1879, dominated both the character of Long Wharf and the working society of the city.

The main article in this issue of *Newport History* evolved from the text of an exhibit on the Fall River Line at the Newport Historical Society in 1978. Richard Berry and Edward W. Smith, Jr., provided helpful insight for the text written by Daniel Snyder, Jr., Executive Director. The text and photographs from the exhibit have been enhanced with new images and information.

Richard Berry has also contributed another article to this issue titled "About 1925." In Mr. Berry's own words, "This is not a history in any sense. It is a verbal 'snapshot' taken from memory of the decade of the 1920's, embellished with what little research is casually available." His is a more personal narrative for he enters into conversation with the reader.

Also in this issue Esther Fisher Benson shares the story of the Smith children's journey from New Jersey to Newport in "A Trip on the Fall River Boat." This article was originally published in January of 1962 in *THE GREEN LIGHT*, bulletin of the Point Association of Newport, Rhode Island, and is included here with the permission of that organization. The New England Steamship Company employed many residents of the Point section of Newport and played a large part in the history of that area of town. It is a pleasure to share with the Point Association this issue of *Newport History*.